and noblemen , then those of my Lord's own household, the clerks and other officers of the offices of State , the Bishop of London, the preacher, the Heralds, the helm and crest borne fay Rouge Dragon, the sword by Chester, the targe by Lancaster, the coat of arms by Norroy Then came the body borne by eight gentlemen, with four assistants to carry the pall at each corner; next the chief mourner, and after the Great Seal Then followed the Earl of Essex, Earl Marshal, the Lord Keeper, the Lord Admiral, the Earl of Shrewsbury, the Earl of Worcester, and the Lord Chamberlain, all being on horseback with their f ootclothes of black cloth, in their mourning weeds according to their state Then followed the Ancients of Gray's Inn, and all the rest after them, two and two, then all yeomen in black coats, and then all the people The number of mourners, one and other, were above 500

The funeral being honourably solemnised in the Abbey of Westminster, the corpse is now taken to Stamford to be interred

It was- noted that the Earl of Essex, whether it were upon consideration of the present occasion, or for his own disfavours, earned the heaviest countenance of the company Presently after dinner he retired to Wanstead where they say he means to settle, seeing he cannot be received in Court, though he have relented much, and sought by divers means to recover his hold But the Queen says he hath played long enough upon her, and that she means to play awhile upon him, and to stand as much upon her greatness as he doth upon stomach

Upon Bartholemew day the Lord Cobham was installed Warden of the Cinque Ports at Canterbury at

which solemnity were assembled almost 4000 horse He kept the feast very magnificently, and spent 26 oxen with all other provision suitable

Mistress Vernon, one of the ladies-in-waiting, hath, been sent from Court and is at Essex House. Some say that she is with child, yet she complaineth not of foul play but says that the Earl of Southampton will justify it It is bruited underhand that the Earl was in London four days in great secret of purpose to marry her and effected it accordingly